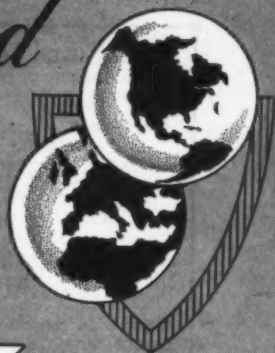


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## DECLARATION OF FAITH

### WE BELIEVE:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## NOTICES

I am a young minister just started in the evangelistic field and am available for youth revivals or other special evangelistic campaigns.—Jimmie A. Gaines, 407 E. Danson, Talladega, Ala.

I will be open for evangelistic or pastoral work the last of August. My wife is also a preacher. Anyone desiring our services please write: M. F. Robinson, Box 130, Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn.

I have known Brother and Sister Robinson for about four years and have found them to be consecrated workers.—Avis Swiger, Teacher in Religious Education.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Potosi, Missouri, the fifth Sunday in July (July 31). Everyone is invited to be with us on that day, especially all the former pastors. There will be good singing, good preaching, and dinner. Come; let us worship God together.—L. J. Potts, Pastor.

Curtis J. Starnes, student at Lee College, repairs and tunes pianos. He has had five years' experience and has worked for Cullman Music House, Cullman, Alabama. Fees and charges reasonable.—Box 64, Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn.

## OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

### DAVIS

Mrs. Ruby Davis, wife of Thomas Davis, of Little Hocking, Ohio, died May 1, at the age of sixty-three years, in the Camden Clark Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness. She was born in Weit County, W. Va., and was the daughter of George and Hester Kirkendall. She spent the greater part of her life there, moving to Belpre, and Little Hocking, Ohio, twenty years ago. She had at one time been a member of the local Church of God but changed her membership to the Apostolic Gospel Tabernacle, of South Parkersburg, W. Va. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Cole, pastor.—Rose Estep, Belpre, Ohio.

### MASON

Lloyd Giddon Mason, Sr., who was born May 10, 1894, departed this life April 22, 1949. He was a devout Chris-

tian and a devoted father and band. He had been a member of Church of God here in Crisfield, for seven years. He leaves to mourn death his loving wife and seven children. The loss of Brother Mason great one to the community.—Parks Ward.

### RACKLEY

Rev. R. G. Rackley laid his an by April 26, and answered the call come up higher. He was a faithful member and worker in the Shannon Ga., Church of God. Brother Rackley had salvation about fifteen years, had been an exhorter for the past years. He will be greatly missed by Shannon church and community well as by many relatives, for he ways had a smile and a pleasant way for everyone.

The funeral was conducted April 29, at the Shannon Church of God where he was a member, with Reverends W. H. Swift, Willard Corns, and T. E. Hogan in charge. His wife was laid to rest in the Pineville cemetery. We join the hundreds of friends to extend our sympathy to his faithful wife and children.—His Pastor T. E. Hogan.

### CRISOFLELLI

Mrs. John Crisoflelli, faithful member of the Church of God at Cocoa Fla., went to be with Jesus April at the age of twenty-five. It was of her she willingly performed her duties to the church as pianist many times she was suffering in her Her pastor, Rev. R. R. Holland, and Rev. M. Lamonica conducted the funeral. She leaves her husband, baby, her mother, two sisters, and host of loved ones and friends.—Haddock.

## REQUESTS for Prayer

### PRAY FOR:

- My husband to be saved.—Lou B. Thompson, Woodbury, N. J.
- My family.—Mrs. Albert King, Pittsview, Ga.
- Clarence Hughes, who is in the hospital.
- Oliver Hughes, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
- The healing of my body.—Paul M. Chapmanville, W. Va.
- My sister to be healed; my husband to have a job; my body.—Mrs. E. D. Fox, Stark Miss.
- God to heal my leg.—Mrs. Sam Cook, Greenville, Ga.
- The healing of my body.—Mrs. Julia P. Cleveland, Tenn.
- God to undertake for me.—Rennie C. Fruithurst, Ala.
- My husband.—Mrs. Hugh Tidwell, Scotland, Ala.
- My son to be saved and delivered from drink habit.—Zona Harrelson, Grayson, Va.
- A friend of mine to be healed; the healing of my body; our home.—Mrs. R. L. Nashville, Tenn.



# EDITORIALS

## A NEW MESSIAH?

LONDON—Krishna Venta, self-styled messiah, shook his shoulder-length curls, wiggled a bare toe, and assured Britain recently that it could relax and consider itself saved.

"I have come to save Britain," Venta said. "I am the new messiah. I carry the same mission as Christ carried 2000 years ago. My name means 'Christ Everlasting.'"

Venta arrived here from Los Angeles and set up headquarters in a suite in the swank Claridge's Hotel costing \$340 a week. He was covered from his long curls to his bare feet in a black silk robe.

Venta sidestepped all questions as to where or when he had been born.

"I lived 900 years ago," he said. "The world is my home. I have no money, and my friends are paying for this luxury. I am so unaccustomed to."

Is the above not a reminder of the prediction by our Lord Himself? Matt. 24:23, 24, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." It is not a new Christ for which we are looking. It is not a new Christ that the world needs. Neither is the Church looking for a fanciful, excentric new Christ. We are looking for the Christ, who said, "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:1-3. And we have the inspiring, unmitigating promise of the angels that "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:10. Paul said, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thess. 4:16-18. This is the Christ that loved us so much He came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me," Gal. 2:20. He became the resurrection and the life that "because I live ye shall live also," and it is He, this Christ Jesus, that "will appear a second time without sin unto salvation to them that have his appearing."—not Venta.

The following report of our national increase in population is a solemn challenge to the Church of God. It simply means that there is more and more expected of us. To meet the demand, our present membership of ministers and members must put forth greater effort and at the

same time earnestly pray for an increase in our membership to help us with the added responsibilities to our nation as the Church of God.

## 147,280,000 POPULATION BREAKS RECORDS IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, (AP)—This country's population reached 147,280,000 on October 1, the Census Bureau estimated today.

Although that is the highest ever recorded, the bureau said the rate of increase has slowed down from last year's pace. Nevertheless, the 1948 expansion will top any other year's.

The bureau's figures included about 466,000 persons in the armed forces overseas and about 926,000 in the military service in this country.

Population growth in the first nine months of 1948 amounted to about 1,800,000 persons, an average increase of about 200,000 a month.

In the corresponding period of 1947 there was an increase of about 2,100,000 persons, an average of over 233,000 a month.

Since the last actual count on April 1, 1940, the population total has risen by about 15,500,000 persons.

Church membership in the United States has passed the 80,000,000 mark and now constitutes 54.9 per cent of the total population, according to a new census of religious bodies published in the 1949 **Southern Baptist Handbook**. Porter Routh, editor of the **Handbook**, reports that church membership showed a gain of 3.1 per cent during 1948, compared with 2.3 per cent for 1947. Forty-eight Protestant groups, with a membership of more than 50,000 each, report a total membership of 46,665,747, compared with 45,031,194 in 1948. The Roman Catholic Church reported 26,075,697, compared with 25,268,173 in 1948. Jewish congregations and smaller groups make the total church membership reported 80,246,124. An incomplete report shows 25,261,923 enrolled in Sunday Schools or parochial schools. The **Handbook** report indicates there are now 265,854 congregations in the United States.—**Watchman-Examiner**.

## 'THE DOLLAR AND THE CENT'

A big round dollar and a little brown cent,  
Rolling along together they went,  
Rolling along the smooth sidewalk,  
When the dollar remarked—for the dollar can talk,  
"You poor little cent, you cheap little mite,  
I'm bigger and more than twice as bright;  
I'm worth more than you a hundredfold,  
And written on me in letters bold  
Is the motto drawn from the plous creed,  
'In God We Trust,' which all can read."  
"Yes, I know," said the cent, "I'm a cheap little mite,  
And I know I'm not big nor good nor bright,  
And yet," said the cent, with a meek little sigh,  
"You don't go to church as often as I."



# Saboteurs of the Bible

By Mrs. Lassie R. Manley, Goodlettsville, Tenn.



Mrs. Lassie R. Manley

A few nights ago a preacher made the statement from his pulpit that one might read the Bible every day and pray until they were old and gray-haired, but they would never understand what they read except they received it from the preacher, basing his claim on Rom. 10:14.

The preacher that is a true follower of Christ and has been called of God to preach the gospel is wonderful, and may his tribe increase, but not everyone that stands behind the sacred desk is a bearer of "glad tidings of good things," for many are false prophets, sabotaging the Word of God.

For this reason I thoroughly disagree with the above claim. With all the false teaching and preaching that is going on in the world, there is no way on earth in which many of us would ever have known the truth except in a personal study of the Holy Bible and by prayer.

There are many preachers, but numbers of them are preaching for doctrine the traditions and commandments of men.

I had attended church since I was a little girl, and had heard many sermons by preachers in several denominations, each claiming to be right, but it was not until I began a serious

study of the Word of God that I realized the things I had been taught all my life by the preachers were only partly true. By a study of the Word I was led to realize I was not saved, although I had been a church member for many years. By a study of the Word I read Christ's enlightening "Sermon on the Mount," and realized that no man can serve two Masters. These teachings of our Lord I had never heard from the preacher.

By a personal study of the Word, I learned Jesus is the "same yesterday, today, and forever"; that He hears and answers prayer because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight; that He heals the sick; that He saves, He keeps, and He satisfies.

By a study of the Word, Jesus became a living God, who never leaves us nor forsakes us, but comforts us in every time of need; not a man who walked the shores of Galilee two thousand years ago, but one who is here today, living in His temples, these bodies of ours, for in Him we live and breathe and have our being.

By a study of the Word, I learned the meaning of love, God's love for us, and how it is possible for us to return that love with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

By a study of the Word I found faith; faith in God; faith in His promises; faith to thank God for

every trial and tribulation, knowing that all things "work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose"; faith to give my all into His keeping, knowing He is ever mindful of our needs, whether they be material, physical or spiritual, and that His grace is sufficient for us at all times.

As I prayed and hungered for more of God, He led me to a little church at the corner of Meridian and Berry Streets, in Nashville, Tennessee, where for the first time I heard the full gospel being preached. It was this church I went to the first altar of prayer, and the saints taught me to speak the first words of praise to God that had ever crossed my lips. Ten nights later, after a night in the altar, God filled me with His precious Holy Spirit, and I spake with tongues and magnified God. The wonderful truth would never have come to me had I been content to listen to my preacher.

I love the preachers that are God-called and Spirit-filled, who preach the full gospel of Jesus Christ with boldness, and may God bless them to strengthen and keep them, and may their number so increase that they will take the light to the multitude who are being daily misled by saboteurs of the truth, who offer the world a bargain religion that will never stand the test, but will only end in destruction.

## ONE-MINUTE SERMON

### DARKNESS AHEAD!

"I saw the dead small and great stand before God," Rev. 20:12. What a vast congregation standing out there before Him! Why are they there? To be tried for eternity. Out there stands a man that, at one time, told the story of the cross, but turned his back upon God; singers, who sang in a church choir; church members, who talked of heaven but worked in interest of hell. Not a smile can be seen on a single face. Mirth has fled from every trembling soul. None shall ever smile, sing, or be happy again. They face judgment, hell, eternity with no hope and without God.

Sinners, it's time to stop and consider; eternity and darkness lies ahead on that road.—Manuel F. Campbell.

## MISSISSIPPI'S DISTRICT CONVENTION MISSION OFFERINGS

### Gulf Coast District

County Line	\$ 87.25
Gulfport	80.00
McLain	75.00
Rocky Creek	45.00
Avera	31.00
Benndale	15.00
Congregational offering	165.00
Total	500.00
Gain over last year	335.00

### Morgantown District

Morgantown	\$100.00
Murray Hill	15.00
Mt. Sinai	10.00

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# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature



J. H. WALKER  
Executive Missions Secretary

## Church of God on the Air in Germany

"On April 24, at 8:20 a. m., the church broadcasts its first program in Europe from Stuttgart, Germany. This time is given free by the station," writes the Reverend R. R. Seya, who recently arrived, in this field. Many souls are praying through to "all time salvation." He continues, "Already the clouds of the world's darkness are being felt here. Soon, oh soon, my dear Brother Walker, our work will end and we must stand before Him who gave His all for all. My heart is full; my eyes are in tears. It is hard to complete these few lines to you, and yet, I cannot refrain from saying my cup is full."

"From the very first day to this have been in services every night and three times on Sunday, and even now I must write with some speed to make sure this day's work is completed and I am ready and on time for service tonight. But this is not hard when you see the hungry souls come to the service night after night. They walk for miles, and the Church of God is on the march in Germany from town to town. One person for every day in the month of February received the Holy Ghost. God is blessing beyond words, and yet she marches on. The people have new faith in the living God and are all on fire for Him. They can take it on the chin when buffeting and persecutions come to them. They come on, attending every service unflinchingly. Young people in every service and in every place come for miles and take an active part, and I find this to be dynamite and the drive wheels that move on against every obstacle, with the result of an organized church where these young people, with leaders have, have been. Last night in a town near headquarters here, we had a break in the revival, and what I

mean by a break is another new work.

"We could start six other revivals tonight if we had men for the job. We shall begin our Bible school soon in the new building Brother Lauster has built. We know you are praying for us and our dear Brother Lauster who has pioneered and established the Church of God in Germany. The city near by looks like the headquarters of death—thousands are yet buried beneath tons of fallen walls, rock, and debris. Young and old pull carts into town daily, unashamed. They are indeed poor, and anything sent them is surely appreciated. Germany is still like the man by the wayside that priest nor Levite cared to help. Ration is still on. People eat bread that is tough, which reminds us that this is all the result of war. The country is beautiful, though—orchards, vineyards and good roads—but sin is rampant and thousands go after worldly amusements, however many are being saved.

"We have just received a large shipment of clothes that has been nearly a year in coming." He also adds, "We have missionary problems which have been mentioned to you, so we beg your prayers."

May we plead with you brethren throughout the States and the rest of the world, that you pray more for our missionaries. These are more perilous times than you think. Pray fervently that the gospel message will continue to be broadcast, and many souls be brought to God.—Editor.

## A Letter From Brother Bolivar De Souza, Panama

Dear Brother Walker:

We praise God for the great privilege of preaching the gospel in the interior of Panama, as we travel on horseback, railroad, and foot, to carry the message in villages and towns, to the hungry hearts that have never

heard the gospel preached and are anxious to hear more. In some instances, to reach certain villages, it is very dangerous—crossing rivers, not a few, and steep hills, late at nights. In many places, sleeping conditions are somewhat hard, or rather uncomfortable. We have to sleep on bamboo beds or on the floor. These people are very poor, so there are no sheets or blankets, and we have learned to carry our own blankets; there is no transportation at night. At one village high up in the mountains a family of about thirty were converted. Although traveling to this village was with very much difficulty, we praise God for the joy that came to our hearts for these precious souls.

We have started services at Puerto Armuelles, and God is blessing us there. Some converts from near-by stations where we have carried the good news walk for hours, while some come by rail, to join us there in the services. They are very hungry, and God is leading the way. He is faithful, and surely we are encouraged. At some stations we can hear the sweet songs from the lips of both adults and children, such as "There Is Power in the Blood," *Hay poder em Jesus, "Bellas Parabras de Vida,"* etc.

A certain family in Costa Rica asked us to preach at the farm where they were stationed. Isaac (my son) and I visited them, but due to conditions we were unable to return. To our surprise, while preaching at another farm here recently, we met this family again. They were so happy to hear another gospel message. They told us that the folks in Costa Rica are asking for us, and are hoping we will return soon. This we desire to do, as the Lord opens the way for us. Thank God, as the truth reaches hungry hearts they are willing to clean up and live for Christ. Many are seeing the light on matrimony and are willing to obey, and we are praying with others who are willing to be baptized, but are having difficulties. We are trusting the Lord for speedy deliverance. Many are naked and are expecting help from us.

We are certainly happy to be here in God's service, and we are thankful to the Church of God through which this great gospel program is being carried on. May God open hearts to see the need out in the fields. There are a few young men who have a deep desire to study the Word of God

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# Our Boys and Girls - Church of God Orphanage

MONTGOMERY AVENUE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

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In November of 1948, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Bell, and Sister Thelma Brown began broadcasting over WGWD, Gadsden, Ala. They have had a daily broadcast ever since. Their broadcast now is from the East Gadsden church, their pastorate, from 5:30 to 6:00 a.m. and from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. during the week, and from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. WGWD is a one-thousand-watt, clear-channel station, 570 on your dial. The station has been heard as far as West Virginia, Texas, Florida, and Canada. The large pile of mail shown in picture is proof of keen interest in and support given their program. From this mail came the 85,000 coupons and \$200 in cash that Brother and Sister Bell brought to the Orphanage a few days ago. In addition to this they brought a Rogers silverware set of forty-seven pieces,

forty or more pounds of candy and peanuts, thirty-two washcloths, eighteen bath towels, and two boxes of used clothing.

This promotional effort by Brother and Sister Bell, as well as the efforts of the state overseers, youth directors, district pastors, pastors, evangelists, Y.P.E. groups, Sunday Schools, and individual friends for our Orphanage, have helped us realize several thousand dollars from coupons since the last Assembly. This we appreciate more than words can express. So keep sending us coupons of EVERY KIND, for we can realize something from almost any coupon, especially if we have a sufficient quantity. Send them even though the date on the coupons have expired. Please do not fold or roll any coupons. It will also help us greatly in preparing them for ship-

ment if you will sort and tie them in bundles of one hundred or less. Every one here will appreciate your cooperation in this. All the children and the staff join me in saying again, thank you to the Bell Trio and to everyone who is helping us in the coupon drive and for anything and everything you are doing toward supporting our Orphanage.—William F. Dych, Superintendent.



This picture shows the Orphanage, in camp sites I highway, New speaker through on. Another of the meeting

JULY 9, 1949



# State Activities . . .

## MISSISSIPPI YOUTH CONGRESS AND STATE CONVENTION

Time: July 13-17.

Place: In the Mississippi Tabernacle, West Capitol Street, Jackson.

Guest speakers: Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer; E. M. Ellis, evangelist and member of Council of Twelve; R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer; Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent of Church of God Orphanage; C. E. Richard, pastor of Memphis, Tenn., church; T. M. McClendon, State Overseer of Louisiana; other visiting ministers and members expected.

Expectations: One spiritual feast after another from the night of the 13th through the 17th.

Invitation: If you don't come, you will disappoint us.

Management: Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer; John L. Byrd, State Overseer.

## INDIANA'S DISTRICT CONVENTION MISSION OFFERINGS

The district conventions are some of the greatest I ever attended. People of Indiana seem to be putting all their lives into the church work, and I'm sure that is what makes the work grow.

The district mission offerings are as follows:

Evansville	\$ 50.00
Harrison	100.81
Indianapolis	400.00

(When all pledges come in)

Shelburn	143.05
Muncie	212.00

Total \$905.86

This is not counting the diamond rings, watches, and other jewelry collected in these conventions, valued near \$200. One lady stated she had a \$1,200 diamond she was going to give. Really God is blessing in a great way.

—C. C. Rains, State Overseer.

## MISSISSIPPI . . .

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Ward Valley	6.96
Mitchells Chapel	6.96
Pleasant Home	6.96
Congregational offering	172.52
Total	321.40
Gain over last year	215.40

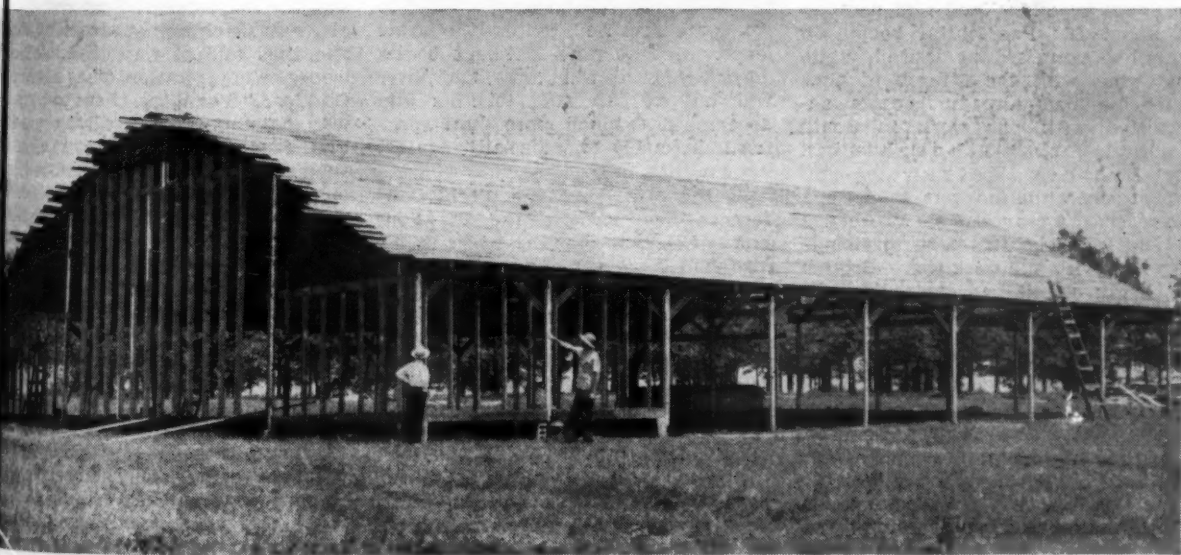
### Hattiesburg District

Hattiesburg	\$140.00
Laurel	140.00
Talahala	130.00
Oak Bowery	28.69
Richton	28.65
Richburg	30.00
Mahned	25.24
Congregational offering	83.00
Total	605.58
Gain over last year	429.26

### Jackson District

Jackson	\$ 52.18
Waco	6.00
Yazoo City	5.00
Morton	10.00
South Shady Grove	
Flemmings Chapel	
Magee	
Fellowship offerings	184.60
Congregational offering	200.05
Total	457.83
Gain over last year	206.23

## OKLAHOMA'S NEW TABERNACLE



This picture shows the progress being made on the erection of our tabernacle on the new campground in Chandler, Oklahoma, in which we will have our camp meeting and state convention July 4-10. This is one of the most beautiful camp sites I have ever seen. The tabernacle is surrounded by a lovely oak grove and is located on the east to west highway, Number 66, one of America's most noted highways. J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief, will be the evening speaker throughout the camp meeting, and Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer, will be with us in the convention. Another feature of attraction will be the Lee College quartet, which will appear on the program the last two days of the meeting.—C. J. Hindmon, State Overseer of Oklahoma.



# General Overseer H. L. Chesser

## Reports on Trip to Paris

(Delivered at North Cleveland, Tennessee, Church of God on Sunday morning, June 12. Taken by Irene Wales.)

**JESUS SAID, "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE,"**  
Mark 16:15.

This subject covers the world. No one organization can carry out this commission alone, but when we think of all the churches working together to carry out the commission, then we know that the world can be covered by the gospel. In many places people do not know about the Lord yet.

### The World Pentecostal Conference

The purpose of our going to Paris was to attend the World Pentecostal Conference, May 21-29. Brothers J. C. Jernigan, J. H. Walker, and I travelled together, leaving on May 11. I do not know when Brother Jernigan returned, but I returned on June 7, and Brother Walker is somewhere in Italy or Egypt now. The leader of a group of about 850 Pentecostal people in Italy had expressed his desire to unite and work with the Church of God, since he had already become acquainted with our work in South America. So we thought best for Brother Walker to contact them while he was in Europe. He received a request from Brother D. B. Hatfield, who has been serving in Egypt, to visit the work there. Brother Hatfield's permit had expired and he could not get it renewed, so he was going to Cyprus, then back to Palestine.

The Pentecostal Conference was being held to try to get the efforts of Pentecostal people all over the world organized in order to accomplish what the Lord has given us to do, which is to carry out the great commission. There has been an overlapping of work in many territories and not as much advancing of the people of God as should have been. It is hard to realize the conditions that exist throughout those countries unless we had closer contact.

Brother Kinderman is working in

Germany, but is spending most of his time in relief work. He is a fine man, a good businessman. When relief packages are sent to Germany, unless they are sent through some organized agency, those receiving them have to pay postage. Brother Lauster and the people there appreciate the packages that have been sent. So Brother Kinderman is working with Brother Lauster. He is working to get Brother Lauster recognized as an agent for relief goods, so he will not have to pay a mark, thirty cents. There is no way to tell the good that has been done by the relief packages sent them, but now supplies are more plentiful in those countries, and it is better to send money so they can buy the articles there. I am not telling you this, however, to keep you from sending any more packages.

The two main objectives of the World Pentecostal Conference is co-operation and coordination by the different Pentecostal bodies in order to get more accomplished in the same length of time. The different bodies do not see everything alike, and never will, but we can work together and accomplish so much more than working individually or, especially, against one another.

At the same time the World Conference was meeting, the Big Four secretaries were meeting in Paris. We also had some vetoes in the Conference, but in the course of time, the brethren realized what we were trying to do. They were afraid a super organization would be set up that would tell them what they could and could not do. But at last we formed a working agreement. You remember how skeptical we were of N. A. E.; we were afraid it would dictate the policies of our Church. But this does not affect the practices of the individual churches any more than the N. A. E. They can carry on the same as if they had no part in the World Pentecostal Conference.

Brother du Plessis is secretary of the World Pentecostal Conference, and he has five advisors to assist him.

They will govern the Fellowship the next three years, also name the place and time the next Conference is to be held in 1952. There is a responsibility resting upon us to make this Fellowship a success. If we, or other of the groups, fail to cooperate it will hinder its progress.

The people of Europe, as a whole, seem to be a little skeptical toward America, therefore the American representatives did not have very much to say. We were stalemated for a while, but after a morning of prayer and seeking God, we began to move forward. It is a little hard to understand these things unless you know some of the those people have gone through.

Numbers of churches are operating under centralized church government. There were also people with local church government. Then we had the blending of local government with centralized government. There were also the independent Pentecostal people, with no church government at all, and they told us we didn't need a leader or organization. They said, "Let God lead." Then, too, there were those who were organized against the church. Some are strongly organized against their local organizations. One church has six thousand people in it, and someone said it was the most perfectly organized work they had ever visited. But it is local. With all the different groups, it was a little hard for all to agree. Some thirty different countries were represented. With many different languages being spoken, and the messages interpreted in all could hear, we had to travel slowly. One had to concentrate on his own language, if he got anything out of what was being said. The predominant languages were French and English.

We feel that much has been accomplished in this World Fellowship meeting and that much good will be done throughout the world, not only in the relief program, but in the spreading of the gospel.

When some read in the Evangel names of people and churches, they



write to these and tell them their condition, which is deplorable in many places. Most groups contacted are touched, and they send help. So in those sections they are getting help from three or four groups, when other sections are getting no help at all. But by cooperating, the Pentecostal bodies can give help to all sections. The same is true of the gospel. Of course, the World Fellowship has more to do in mission fields than anywhere else, and we certainly must cooperate. Paul said, "We are workers together with God." In the war, nations worked side by side, because they were facing a common enemy. They could not afford to fuss with each other. Neither should we lose time like that in the mission field.

There are no damages of the war to be seen in Paris, which is said to be the most beautiful city in the world. We wondered why it was declared an open city, but once there we understood. Although the buildings are of good architectural designs, bombs would have ruined the city and destroyed multitudes. The war-torn part of France we did not get to visit. In the restaurants you could find plenty of food to keep you from going hungry. It would seem that France is not suffering, but we are told it is a false economy, for just a few blocks from where the Conference was being held people are just barely able to keep body and soul together.

Brother Walker had studied French a little and could grunt a few words, "Enough to get us by. Of course, we learned how to order a few things in the restaurants. Wine is the promised drink. They bring you a bottle of wine and you can drink it or leave it alone. You are charged for each dish brought you. Then when you are through they figure your bill and add ten to twenty per cent for service; they do not trust you to tip. We left Paris for Germany, but Brother Jernigan said, "I'm going back to America. I have been against riding in airplanes, but I am ready to ride one now."

We had a good train from Paris to Zurich; not exactly like an American train, but we had no complaint. We went through Switzerland, and Brother R. R. Seyda was with us. He speaks German, and we encountered no difficulty, as far as language was concerned, and up to this time no one had asked us to open our suitcases for inspection.

Switzerland is very modern, with plenty to eat and wear, if you are able

to buy it. But when they get through with you, a memory lingers. We took a third-class hotel and went to a restaurant, but nobody came to take our orders; they paid no attention to us. Brother Seyda went over to the cashier for information. She told him that we must select from the menu what we wanted and pay for it, then go down the line and get it. We decided that was too much like buying a "pig in a poke," so we went down the street and saw a sign that read "Tourists." We said, "This is the place we want." Everything was nice and clean and we began to feel at home. While looking over the menu, the waiter said they had some nice fresh, plump chicken, so we ordered chicken;



but when we got through—well, we said to ourselves, "We will not be back."

We headed for Germany on a second-class train, which was not too bad. Brother Seyda, though he could speak German, decided to just keep quiet and let us answer the custom officers the best we could. "The least you can say, the better." When we came to Germany the officers there said our luggage must be opened. I was first. I couldn't speak German, and I thought the man asked if I had any Dutch money. I said, "Dutch money?" "No." He rattled off again, but I couldn't understand, so he let me pass on. I went to another man, and he asked me to open my suitcase, asking me if I had cigarettes or whiskey. I said, "No, I am a preacher." So he let me pass.

It seems everybody wants something from the American as he goes through. They are ready to grab your

bags and carry them for you, but they expect liberal tips.

We had called Brother Lauster to meet us. He has a little car with just enough room for four. When sitting in the back seat my knees were up against the front seat. Brother Lauster tied the two large suitcases together across the hood of the little car, and I rode with my head either bumping the top of the car or leaning over. Away we went, and when Brother Lauster starts he goes! It was about twenty-five miles to their home. We arrived there late at night. Sister Lauster had us a nice meal prepared, which was a happy surprise. We had decided that it was too expensive to eat dinner, and that we would have to cut expenses some way. So we got a sandwich, a chocolate bar, and six bananas, but that came to one dollar each.

Brother Lauster was glad to see us, and we were glad to see him, and right there in the station we had a good time hugging necks. But what did we care? Other people carry on their work and do as they please, and they don't care if you are watching them, so we didn't care either.

Brother Lauster took us around and showed us some of our churches. They are so anxious to carry on for the Lord that one brother's chicken house was converted into a church. But they are greatly in need of preachers. If they had preachers, and could get money to build churches, they could do more. While Brother Lauster was in the concentration camp, his wife said they had their meetings quietly and God was never more precious to them than at that time. They went out into the forest for one free meeting before Brother Lauster was taken away. They had a wonderful time rejoicing in the Lord. The men patrolling the highway heard them singing and went to see what they were doing; but they did not know that this was against orders, so they did not bother or report them. But if they had been reported, it would probably have been the last of them. God was taking care of them. While we in America were not being interfered with, they were going through all these things.

We attended a revival in a tent while there, and forty young people were in the choir. You could see the glory of God beaming in their faces. They were not able to dress as you young people; their hair was not done in the latest style; nor were their

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# ••• REVIVALS •••

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**VAUCLUSE, S. C.**—We have just had a three weeks' revival, with Brothers Elmer Jewell and Howard Hanley doing the preaching. They have been a great blessing to us during the revival. Twenty-seven were saved, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church, and the whole church was greatly blessed. Pray for us to rise and shine for Jesus. Our pastor is Rev. C. L. Edward.—Marcella Maddox, Clerk.

**ELBERTON, Ga.**—I have recently closed a wonderful revival here which continued for three weeks. I don't think I have ever been in a revival where the Lord blessed as He did in this one. Some were blessed in every service. Thirty were saved, fifteen sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, the sick were healed and the church was blessed in a great way. Rev. J. W. Heaton is the pastor. People there love Brother Heaton and his family.—Evangelist Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

**EASTON, Md.**—The South Street Church of God had a four weeks' revival, with wonderful blessings from the Lord. We give Him all the glory for what has been accomplished. The Spirit of the Lord came into our midst in a gracious way, causing the saints to speak in tongues and laugh in the Spirit. We believe every Christian has been stirred to a closer walk with God. We didn't have a special evangelist, but different ministers from other churches on the district preached and our own pastor, Brother Morris, helped out. We were greatly blessed, though, in having with us Brother Reese and his daughter, of Johnstown, Penn., to play and sing for us. He testified that he played the piano in night clubs and other places like that before the Lord saved him, but like Paul, he has been completely turned around and now seems to have a double portion of God's Spirit to play for His glory. It is truly wonderful what the Lord can do. Nine were saved in our revival, five received the Holy Ghost, and three joined the church. One of the good

results of this revival is that it has increased our Sunday School and church attendance, and we thank the Lord for that. Our church is moving on for God and we covet your prayers.—Sister Miriam Whiteley.

**LOUDON, Tenn.**—We have just closed a one-week youth revival conducted by Sister Homer Miller. Ten were saved, eight sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. The Lord blessed wonderfully, and many were healed. Each department of the church is growing. If you want to visit a Spirit-filled church, where you can feel the power of God in the old-fashioned way, pay us a visit.—Earl W. Lane, Clerk.

**INMAN, S. C.**—We have recently had a wonderful revival in which sixteen were saved, ten sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church, bringing our membership up to seventy-two. Sister Annie E. Jones was our evangelist, and she did some great preaching.

We appreciate our pastor, W. M. Morrow, who is not only a good man but an excellent preacher and leader. All our quotas are up, and we are happy in the Lord Jesus.—J. K. Graves, Clerk.

**EDENTON, N. C.**—We have just had a two weeks' revival, with Rev. Mrs. Frank Petrucelli doing the preaching. She did some old-time holiness preaching. We recommend her to anyone as a good evangelist. Two were saved and three are to be baptized in water. We praise the Lord for His blessings. Our pastor is Rev. Raulie L. Davis.—Mrs. Delia Hopkins, Reporter.



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It is my conviction that every one will do well to read and place this book in his library.—Rev. Earl P. Paulk, pastor, Greenville, South Carolina.

# Things I Remember

By M. S. LEMONS

First, I remember Eccl. 12:1, 2. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain."

Next, I remember that "Abraham said to the rich man, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and Lazarus evil things."

I have been a Bible student for more than sixty years, and I do remember many things which I am sure will be beneficial to everyone that would remember. I remember when I was converted, saved from my sins; and I remember, too, when I backslid and needed more grace. I remember James said "He giveth more grace"; and I remember distinctly when the Lord gave me more grace by sanctifying me and making me happy.

I had been a student in school for about thirty years, and there were many things that I did not learn. My vocabulary was not the best. But I remember that after having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost I could remember the things of the Lord more distinctly and more accurately. At that time I could speak in any language that the Holy Ghost suggested, and after that long time I still speak in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

During the last five years I haven't been able to read my Bible (eyesight dim), but the blessed Holy Ghost has taught me more things, I believe, than I would have learned had I been able to read all along. I remember well that the Book says they that are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God, and the Spirit and the Word always agree.

For many days I have been listening to the different preachers over the radio, and I hear the best and the weakest. Then I remember that Paul says, 1 Cor. 1:26-29, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base

things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence."

I hear all of these characters that are represented in this scripture, on the radio. I don't condemn any, but I understand where each one is, if he gives out the Scripture perfectly or imperfectly.

In my long period of study, having begun about sixty years ago, I have been made to remember the exact sayings of Jesus. After He died, went and preached to the spirits in prison, and rose again from the dead, He made the statement, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

After many years of constant study and prayer, I concluded that I should count the verses in the New Testament and find out, if I possibly could, just exactly what Jesus meant when He said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So I gave much time and study to find out just exactly what He said He wanted us to publish to the world. I found that there are 7,956 verses in the New Testament and that He uttered about 1,600 with His own mouth. I noticed that the law is called "the church in the wilderness," and after the law passed away, He gave us a new law, which is the doctrine of the Church. In this doctrine of the church there are 1,600 different verses, and every one can read and know just exactly what they are. This Church that He said He would build is called "the Church of God," and these verses include all of the doctrine of the Church of God. This is the great commission. I hear many wise teachers and wise men quote part of these verses, but I have never heard a preacher or a teacher that taught all of them. This is the reason we have divisions in the churches. Some of the people neglect or reject some of this doctrine that He said He wanted us to promulgate.

In John 17 Jesus said, "I want them



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to be one," and Paul, in 1 Cor. 1:10, said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Jesus said, in John 17:21, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." It is clear for me to see that every preacher of His should preach all He said in the 1,600 verses we have just mentioned.

To deny, or disbelieve, or reject any part of the statements made by Jesus would be the real cause of divisions in the churches. Since He tells us in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day," it is easy for the reader to understand that these 1,600 verses Jesus uttered with His own lips are exactly what the judgment day will mean to every preacher.

I remember that Jesus gives us a parable of the sower, in Matt. 13:24-30, and the servant said, "Didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?" The harvest is the end of the world, He said, and the reapers are the angels. Now He says, "In the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat in-

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# Reports ▶ FROM THE FIELD

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## Small Membership but Great God

ROSEBORO, N. C.—We are happy to report victory in our souls. Especially are we thankful to the Lord for the privilege of having service in our new church on Easter Sunday. Although the church was far from being completed, and with little conveniences so far, yet our hearts are full of gratitude to the many friends who have sacrificed and made it possible for us to worship in our own building, after four years of hard struggle. The Lord has been good to us and kept us encouraged by His sweet presence in our souls. We have a great love and yearning to see the lost come to Jesus, and we want to be a blessing to everyone. We appreciate our pastor, Brother Tommie Cashwell, and his love and sacrifice for the work. Our membership is small and we face many difficulties, but our God is great and delights in doing great exploits through humble servants. Please, everyone, pray for us. Watch us grow!—Mrs. Alice Spell, Clerk.

## A Wonderful State and Wonderful Work

ARKANSAS—Thank God for the Church of God in Arkansas. Rev. L. L. Hughes, state overseer, has the Church work at heart and is doing his best to promote the work throughout the State. The last twenty-nine years of my life have been spent in the Church of God, almost twenty-seven of which were spent in Arkansas, and if I could just show you the schoolhouses, homes, brush arbors, and front yards where I have preached and conducted services, then you could understand better why I love Arkansas and the Church of God. My prayer is that God will send a revival throughout the world. All who read this please pray for me as my health is bad.—A. R. Willingham, Cherry Valley, Ark.

## Church Blessed With Divine Presence

TOWES CHAPEL, Ga.—We praise God for our little country church, where people can gather in the name

of the Lord and feel His wonderful power. Several backsliders have prayed back to the Lord, and one has been sanctified. We praise God for our wonderful pastor, Rev. Noah Robinson. We are expecting a great revival soon.—Mrs. Estelle Wiley, Adairsville, Ga.

## Indianapolis, Indiana, District Convention

Our first service was on Friday night. After several good Spirit-filled special selections, we were privileged to have our esteemed state overseer, Rev. C. C. Rains, bring the message. His subject was "A Broader Vision." I believe all those present caught a fuller view of the whited harvest field.

Saturday morning we met and our state overseer gave us some very timely advice on various lines. Our state youth director, Whalen Rains, gave us a good, inspirational talk on Sunday Schools. Our special speaker for this service was Rev. J. D. Combs, who spoke on "A Plumb Line for God's Children." I'm sure this message is still ringing in the ears of all those present at this service.

In the afternoon service God touched both ministers and members

present, and we raised money to add a roll of *Lighted Pathways* each month for one year to the Indiana Boys and Girls Reformatory here in our district, and also a roll of *Evangelists* each month for a year to an old home, also on this district. After the good effort, Brother Sawyer of Melrose, Michigan, brought a good message on "The Church."

The evening service was given to the youth and missions. Our state youth director added greatly to the service with his good, lively direction of Spirit-filled songs.

Brother C. R. Murray pastor of Muncie, brought a message on missions that melted all hearts and opened our pocketbooks. Ladies gave their rings and lockets and all kinds of jewelry. Some of the brethren gave their watches, and one brother gave a new rod and reel he had just purchased. In all, there was over four hundred dollars in gifts and cash. There was a little over \$80 given of the Crawfordsville church. As you know, it is still in the mission stage. Continue to pray for the State of Indiana and watch us grow.—Harold B. Thompson, Reporter.

## Week-End Singing Revival

The Church of God at West Duane, N. C., had a week-end singing revival with the Ward Trio and Nunnery Sisters as guest singers. T. N. Ward, of Wake Forest, did the preaching. It came to a climax with a death

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Pictured is the church and Sunday School at Samson, Alabama. The Sunday School was organized April 3, with forty present. On April 10, forty-eight were present; April 17, fifty-eight were present; April 24, sixty were present; and on May 1, we had sixty-eight in Sunday School. Our pastor, Rev. J. B. Wescott, said we would be in a new church by August 1.—Webb Wheeler, District Youth Director.

# A Pillar in the Building

Text: Galatians 2:9, "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship; that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision."

The word "pillar" means a column to support a structure; monument; something affording support.

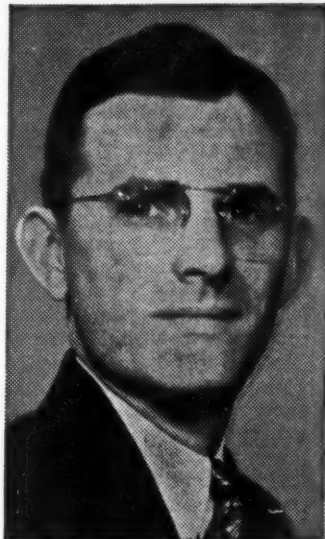
I shall at this time quote the following versions: King James Authorized Version says, "James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars." An American translation of the New Testament by Goodspeed says, "James, Cephas, and John who were regarded as pillars of the church." Moffatt's translation says, "The so-called pillars of the church, James, and Cephas, and John." The Revised Standard Version says, "James, and Cephas, and John, who were reputed to be pillars."

Beloved, it is apparent that these three men were strong pillars in the church. Jesus Christ called upon them at various times. These three went with Him to the garden of Gethsemane, as recorded in Mark 14:33. Then, it is evident that these three men were absolutely great pillars, because not only were they considered profitable to Christ after His death and resurrection, but they were profitable to Him before the crucifixion; for instance, when He took them with Him to the mount of transfiguration, as recorded in Matt. 17:1. A number of other things could be referred to here, but space will not permit it.

## A Pillar or Pillow?

The word "pillow" means a case lined with feathers, to support the head of a person reposing (to lay to rest); refresh by rest; lay, place, or rest; to sleep; to recline (to cause to lie back); lean to one side. So, friends, we must distinguish between the meaning of the words "pillow" and "pillar."

Today the Christians are in the body of Christ, and they are members of particular and not so much particular members. The Lord on numerous occasions had looked to men and women who were trustworthy when they wanted something carried out as desired, and that is exactly what He does today. He can't use those whom He can't trust. Too many people



W. H. COMPTON, PASTOR AT DELBARTON, W. VA.

like to be a pillow in the building so all that they will have to do is lie down, because it takes strength to be a pillar, as they will have to stand up.

## What Are You, a Pillow or a Pillar?

A pillow is something that when a person places his head on it, it is certain to give in; but a pillar is something that will hold up weight and not give in under pressure.

The apostle Paul was a strong pillar. He died rather than break down. The apostle Peter died rather than crumble. Stephen died rather than fail to stand. Christ took the cross and death rather than break down under the pressure. He was and is the great Foundation for all the pillars to stand on, and if they will stand on Him, they will never fall.

Friends, we should all remember this one thing, and that is, we are to be pillars in the building (body), and not pillows. If we are not careful, we will have an oversupply of pillows. We need more pillars.

## What Are These Pillars to Do?

They are to be able to stand the storm, and to stand weight, so that they will be able to hold the building together. Are you holding your part of the Church together? You are part of the building, therefore there are to be capable pillars to hold it together. Did you ever see a church where the pil-

lars were not so strong, hence letting their part of the building down? Those who fail to pay their tithes and those who fail to observe the sacrament and feet washing, and fail to attend church regularly and strive for the upbuilding of the church are weak pillars and are causing too much weight on the other pillars, which may eventually cause some of the good pillars to be overloaded, and perhaps cause them also to break down.

The kind of pillars God loves are those that do their utmost to hold things up. God can, will, and does help people be strong enough to hold up the weight. When one pillar, or more, gets out from under the weight, then it makes it harder on the others, and there must be another pillar put in its place. If all the pillars would only stand in their place, things would be more lovely.

## What Kind of a Pillar Are You?

Are you a good one or a faulty pillar? Are there spots on you? Are you straight or otherwise? Do you try to shirk your duty? Do you offer an excuse when there are things to do? Do you frown when the body needs finance? Does a bad spirit run over you when the preacher says things should be done that you are not doing? Do you agree when things are suggested and later criticize things that should be done which would elevate and promote the church? Are you one that gets hit every time the preacher delivers his sermon and then you say that he was preaching at you? Please let us all be good pillars in the church.

## Conclusion

A pillar is something that many find it hard to be. Many find it to be such a great responsibility to be a pillar—too much pressure, trouble, obligations, responsibility to be such a thing as a pillar. God loved Peter, James, and John for being pillars, and I am quite sure He will appreciate it if we will be pillars for Him.

Don't shirk the load; don't give up; don't get disgusted; hold up your part of the bargain with God; and prove to Him that you love Him enough to labor for Him until you die.

The Lord has many who are as pillows—they give in under the load, looking for a flowery bed of ease and smooth sailing. What if Jesus had been such as that?

# ... Divinely Healed ...

**SEBRING, Fla.**—I praise God because He is so good to us in every way. I praise Him for healing my little granddaughter when she was badly burned; also for healing another granddaughter of pneumonia. I thank Him for sending us a wonderful pastor. Pray for us that we will stay in the will of the Lord.—Mrs. J. L. Murdock.

**MAYO, Fla.**—I promised God if He would heal our little girl of food poisoning that I would testify through the *Evangel*. It looked like she could not live, and I told my wife I felt if we would trust God He would heal her. On Monday morning of the fourth day I went down in the woods and prayed until God blessed me with assurance of her healing, and she started to mend from that day on. Oh, praise His holy name!—George Land.

**CENTRAL, S. C.**—I thank the Lord for His goodness to me and the way He keeps us from time to time. I praise Him for healing my baby girl a few weeks ago.—Mrs. Irene Hawkins.

**MONROE, Ga.**—I praise God for healing me of a severe pain in my chest. God has been so good to us, and He has blessed us in many ways. I want to live closer to Him and do more for Him.—Mrs. Lee Brooks.

**FAIRMOUNT, Ga.**—I really praise God for His wonderful healing power. I praise Him for healing my body.—Mrs. James West.

**SANFORD, N. C.**—I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. He has stood by me in a wonderful way. I had been sick in bed for five weeks with heart trouble and arthritis, but the Lord definitely touched my body.—Archie B. Freeman.

**MANSFIELD, Ohio**—I am a mother of twelve children; eight are living. I have been healed of many afflictions, including heart trouble of a very bad type. Three years ago my five-year-old boy was burned almost to death through scalding, but the Lord healed him. Now I am suffering from sugar diabetes and a dangerous lump on my body, also a lump

or tumor on my face. I appeal to you mothers, please pray for me.—Mrs. Forest Harmon.

**KANSAS CITY, Kans.**—Just a word of praise for my Saviour, who means so much to me. Several weeks ago I had an awful pain and soreness in my face, and the Lord healed me. I praise Him for His many blessings to me.—Mrs. B. M. Woolwine.

**SCOTLAND, Ga.**—I am thanking and praising our Lord for His great and wonderful power to heal and save. I praise Him for healing my little girl when she was sick.—Mrs. Lester Johnson.

**CHESTER, S. C.**—I praise the Lord for what He means to me and for answering prayer. I had a heart attack and an attack of influenza, and the doctor said that if something didn't undertake my time had come. I went to church to a healing service, and when I came back I was a well man. I truly give God all the praise today.—J. W. Love.

**STATE SANATORIUM, Md.**—I praise God for healing me of appendicitis attacks. I put my faith and trust in God, and from the minute I did I could feel that I was getting better. Pray for me that I will live a life that is pleasing to God.—Madeline Layne.

**CLARKSDALE, Miss.**—I praise God for millions of blessings today. I suffered for many months after an oper-

ation and could not walk. I could only rice with no salt. I prayed constantly to be healed, and one God healed me.—Mrs. Maifred B. Hunt.

## THINGS I REMEMBER (Continued from page 11)

to my barn." Now the harvest comes only one time, and it is in the end of the world. We understand that the tares and the wheat are to grow together until the end of the world, and they are growing together now. There is here and there in the harvest some stalks of wheat that are brilliant and good, and we see that the majority of the harvest field is tares. The tares, He says, are the children of the wicked one, the good seed are the children of the Lord.

Isaiah said, "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Isa. 12:3.

"Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." 2 Cor. 3:6.

"The joy of the Lord shall be your strength."

David said, "My cup runneth over," and, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Later he said, "Rest unto me the joy of thy salvation. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." David's cup, in the Psalm, was running over, but in the quotation, from 51st Psalm, his cup had turned over; he had lost the joy of the Lord, and he exclaimed, "Thou hast not the holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."



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## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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through the correspondence course (Spanish); also, many desiring to play musical instruments, such as the cornet, trombone, or trumpet. Two young men are helping in the work; pray that God will continue the desire in them.

We covet your earnest prayers, and continue to help us as we fight together against the forces of evil. With God's richest blessings,

Yours in the Master's service.

## GENERAL OVERSEER H. L. CHESSER, REPORTS ON TRIP TO PARIS

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...so fine, but the glory and power of God beamed out of their countenances, and you could tell they were Christians. They shook hands with us and told us how glad they were we came. One man had said that he hoped he lived to see the leaders of the Church of God. He said leaders of other churches came by, but they never did see any of their leaders. Brother Lauster took us out to see him, and he said, "I have longed for this time, when I could see the general officials of the Church of God, and the other brethren we have heard so much about." How glad they are for all we have done for them in Germany, and they want to be faithful and carry on until Jesus comes.

Brother Lauster said we could not afford to leave until after Pentecost Sunday, June 5, but I had my reservation and could not stay. Brother Walker was staying over, and they rejoiced, because the people would come and learn more about America. We visited one place where they had the foundation of the church poured up to the floor, and material there to finish with.

We visited Stuttgart, Sharndorf, Frankfurt and some smaller cities. Some of these are in awful condition from being bombed and torn up in general. In some places the debris was fifteen to twenty feet deep, and no doubt there were many bodies buried under it.

I had the privilege of watching the air lift for some little bit. An average of thirty-seven large planes per hour produce into Berlin. It is not a question if the gas is England's, a United States plane, or a crew from some other country. They are all working to keep those people in

Berlin from going hungry. Then, isn't that a beautiful example of working together to get the gospel to the World? Millions are looking to the Pentecostals for the gospel.

I have reached this conclusion: Communism is determined, and democracy is determined. It isn't a question if we will be through with communism when we move the occupation forces from Germany, for we know we will have to fight communism on and on. It has been said that there is one alternative and that is Germany must be allowed to become a nation or she will lean to Communism. Communism plans to overthrow the government of the United States, and it isn't a secret.

In France, the teen-age boys are taken to the country for outings on Sundays. That keeps them away from the churches. There was a mass demonstration in Paris when we were there—thousands of boys from nine to fourteen years of age demanding half fare on the railroad for these outing trips. That spirit is rising in other sections, too.

We have, I think, been slowed down in our mission work. I am going to make a statement this morning that I would not have made two years ago, but I believe, now, the only successful way to carry on our mission work is to set up the Church of God in those countries and let them carry on their own work. Teach them and let them manage themselves. Let them learn to become self-supporting. In Jamaica, they are raising money among themselves to help build their own churches. Let them be self-supporting, then we can cover the new territory faster. There is a great need for the gospel, but we cannot Americanize those countries. In Germany, our people are glad that the occupational forces have granted them religious freedom; they would much rather Americans would be there than the Russians. I talked with a soldier who took me out for an American meal; he said the Germans are making a come-back. I asked him, "Do you think they resent America?" "Of course," he said, "they are resentful to a certain degree, but they submit without much trouble. They want to build their country back, and will if given a chance." Those people, however, have been under the gestapo rule so long that it is hard for them to exercise their freedom. I look for the day when they will be a nation again, but I hope there will be more of the gospel infused among them so they

will be a Christian nation, and I trust that the World Pentecostal Conference will have a part in bringing this to pass.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

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our annual home-coming day April 24. God truly blessed our services that day. Our old Sunday School record was 275 and our attendance that day was 314. Our offering was \$81.02. Praise the Lord!

Our home-coming was a great success. Hundreds of people from over the state attended the occasion. Brother E. W. Williams, our esteemed overseer of North Carolina, preached a great sermon that stirred the congregation to go forward with God.

The L. W. B. did a grand job in having a good dinner, with the help of Mr. Guy Eubanks and his committee. We had food for everyone and some left over.

Brother R. E. Conner, district overseer, paid sincere compliments on the work and pastor.

The afternoon service was good, with the presence of our heavenly Father. Special singing was held by the Ward Trio, Nunnery Sisters, Toney Trio, Hillsboro Duet, Harmony Duet, and a solo by Sister Verrico.

We asked the Lord for \$2,000 by home-coming day. Our total collection Sunday afternoon was \$2,229.57.

The Lord has been so good to us. We could never praise Him enough for what He has done. We thank Him for our good pastor, Rev. Roland Verrico, and the way he has labored with us. Pray for us that our church will be a soul-saving center for Jesus.—Mrs. J. C. Strayhorn, Jr., Secretary.

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